REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR COVERS WIDE FIELD

In Religious, Educational, Art and elected: R. P. Andrews, president; M. A. Leese, vice president; Isaac Gans, second vice Scientific Circles the Record Made Has Been a Most Notable One.

Had a Busy Year.

Under this leadership and manage-

nent the chamber has had an interest-

ing and busy year, and despite gener-

ous donation and expenditures for con-

vention work is closing its year with

paired investments in interest-bearing

The office of the chamber has grown to be a general clearing house for in-

detention of prisoners in the District jail and of juveniles in the house of de-

tention.

The committee on law and legislation had before it a large number of important matters, and has prepared after much debate an amendment to the code regulating the sale and purchase of deadly or dangerous weapons in the District.

Convention Work.

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prior to the work of the new joint com-

BOARD OF TRADE.

December 11, 1889—twenty-five years ago—the Washington Board of Trade was organized. In all these years of existence there probably was never a more successful year in the affairs of the organization than the year of 1914, just ende.

J. Callahan, Robert N. Harper, George P. Killian, John F. Slaven, William C. Johnson, John L. Newbold, H. B. F. Macfarland, A. Leftwich Sinclair, O. S. Metzerott, James F. Oyster, S. A. Kimberly, R. P. Andrews, M. A. Winter, Harry King, E. C. Graham, Sidney West, Dr. Lewis J. Battle, Dr. H. M. Kaufman, A. H. Rogers, Glenn Brown, Albert Schulteis, John Dolph, B. W. Moll, M. A. Leese, F. C. Handy, Marion Butler and J. B. Henderson.

During the year six regular meet ings of the full Board of Trade were held and two special meetings. At these regular meetings many matters and projects of vital interest to the District of Columbia were presented for consideration and action. The board is much gratified in knowing that many of its recommendations have been enacted into law by Congress at its last session. Some of the more im-portant projects were: Continuation of reclamation of Anacostia flats, imof reclamation of Anacostia flats, improvement of park system, street improvements, water supply, public health and conversion of alleys into minor streets. The board has worked unceasingly for the integrity of the "half-and-half" principle in District appropriations, and has issued a number of publications on the subject, glving valuable and interesting information. Two special meetings were of Commerce matters.
The vocational guidance bureau of

Washington, was started under the auspices of the Board of Trade. Opposed Borland Amendment.

The board vigorously opposed the passage of the Borland amendment regarding street improvements on the ground that under this law a hardship and injustice would result to the property owners. H. J. Resolution 107, regarding the transfer of \$1,003.257.24 from the District of Columbia to the federal government, was also opposed by the board, and the members are much pleased at the defeat of this

Through its special committee on street traffic, the board was instrumental in securing the enactment of the traffic regulations at present in force in the District, which have proven

so satisfactory.
Of particular interest in the work of of particular interest in the work of the committees was the splendid work of the membership committee. This committee held weekly meetings throughout the year, at which time the applications of many professional and business men were approved and the ap-plicants admitted to membership. The "get-together" spirit of this committee and dinners, at which affairs the en-thusiasm was begun and maintained. Ington in 1914 a large number of prof-The annual shad bake was held in liable conventions. The money derived

vice president; Isaac Gans, second vice president; E. C. Graham, treasurer; M. D. Rosenberg, general counsel, and Charles J. Columbus, secretary.

During the year there were five meetings of the entire association, twelve meetings of the board of governors, sixty-two meetings of trade sections and seventy-one committee meetings, together with a number of special meetings that were held outside of the association's quarters.

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April 22 the association moved into quarters of its own on the fourth floor of The Star building, where machinery was installed for the operation of the credit information bureau, and for amplifying the facilities of the collection department, also adding to the clerical force of the organization.

During the year this equipment has been increased. In conection with the work of the credit and collection department the association materially strengthened the ties between that body. partment the association materially strengthened the ties between that body and retail merchant organizations throughout the United States. Through its board of governors, its trade sections and committees, the Retail Merchants' Association has been vigorous in defending the interest and extending the scope of the business men of Washington in matters of legislation. Washington in matters of legislation municipal regulation and the correc-tion of trade abuses. The organization has likewise co-operated with the Board

of Trade and the Chamber of Commercian the promotion of works of interest the District of Columbia generally.

"Get-Together" Gatherings. nnual "get-together" dinner at the Shoreham Hotel, when William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, was the principal speaker. The first of the

The office of the chamber has grown to be a general clearing house for information—not only to local inquirers, but also to out-of-town writers. Several of the government bureaus regularly transmit to the chamber letters calling for information not within the scope of the federal bureaus, and these inquiries are promptly handled. Some thirty-odd thousand process letters, lists, etc., have been turned out by the duplicating machines used by the office in the past twelve months.

The most notable work of special committees of the chamber is that of the special committee of ten in the matter of pushing the chamber's resolution in favor of representation in the thouse, Senate and electoral college. This subject, which has been before the chamber for over a year, caused most animated discussion between opponents and advocates of direct representation for the District in Congress.

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The special committee, headed by former Senator Butler prepared and the chamber adopted a comprehensive and business-like report in the matter of the cotton situation, which has been printed and forwarded to each member of the House, Senate and the cabinet.

One of the most thorough and careful investigations of a special committee was that on the report of alleged overdetention of prisoners in the District

Citizens' associations during the year discussed questions innumerable relative to the needs of their particular sections of the city in particular and to the needs of the District in gen-

During January and February many associations indorsed the street safety campaign. Many prominent speakers spoke to different associations among mittee representing the three trade these being Commissioner Chester bodies resulted in bringing to Wash- Harding, who addressed the Columbia Heights Association March 10; Repre-The annual shad bake was held in May at Chesapeake Beach, and was pronounced by all who attended to be the finest and best ever.

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Early in the month Rev. William I. McKenney was assigned to the passion of Central Union Mission. The quark of Ryland M. E. Church Temple Baptist Church occurred Octo-

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION DURING 1914.

Educational progress was the predominant keynote in the schools of Washington this year, the greatest attention, perhaps, being given to vocational education. Several courses of study were revised, several educational conferences of various sorts were held, and experts in different lines from all parts of the United States spoke and demonstrated in new lines of education thought.

the high school cadets.

Work on the new Central High School was started, and is now well under way. The site for the new Eastern High School was selected. The new colored normal school was completed and occupied. The education system suffered one great catastrophe during the year-

the burning of the Western High School. Ernest L. Thurston was elected superintendent for three years, be

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The Presbytery of Washington March 2 authorized the formation of a new Presbyterian congregation at Berwyn, Md., and March 8 the Epworth M. E. Md., and March 2 the Epworth M. E. Church was reopened after extensive improvements. March 29 saw the formal induction of Rev. P. C. Gavan into the pastorate of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, formerly occupied by Rev. Joseph F. McGee, who died January F.

of State, Revs. Campbell Morgan, William A. Souper, John McNell, John H. Jowett and many other well known divines. The same day marked the laying of the corner stone of All Souls Protestant Episcopal Church, and early in the month Rev. Nicolas Scarito of the Italian Baptist Mission was called to Fall River, Mass., and Rev. George W. Atkinson of Kensington, Md., was called to Grace Episcopal Church Georgetown. Late in the month ground was broken for the new Park Road Methodist Protestant Church. The Presbytery of Washington March The Presbytery of Washington March enant. Delegations of local Catholics participated in the great parade of the Holy Name Society in Baltimore Sep-tember 29.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

great activity and of deep sorrow dur-ing the year. The President remained at his post, with comparatively little rest, throughout the year, feeling that legislative and foreign conditions demanded his presence in Washington virtually all the time. With golf and automobiling his principal recreations, the chief executive has kept in good health. His physician, Dr. Cary Gray son, finds that nothing maintains the President's physical welfare better than golf, and four or five times each, week the two play together on the links of nearby clubs, frequently beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning, even in the winter months.

A. Vincent for the first time occupied the pulpit of his new church, the Mount Piesasant Congregational. Rev. Andrew Enstam, the only Swedish clergyman in the District, in charge of the mission congregation of Luther Memorial Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel, died suddenly the draw of the control of the Chapel of the empting American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls. He made a memorable address to Congress on the subject March 5, and after a long fight the repeal was effected. His efforts for trust legislation were not realized until much later in the year, shortly before Congress adjourned after a prolonged session.

session.
The first intimation of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Wilson to Secretary McAdoo was printed in The Star March 12 and not denied by the White House, an official confirmation being obtained later. The marriage, in the 4 was generally observed by friends, took place May 7.

The Mexican Situation.

The Mexican situation grew acute is April with the refusal of Provisional the American emblem at Vera Cruz Mexican government and the adminis-tration had continued for a long time before this, and it was the announced

In National Guard, Patriotic Order, Labor and Club Work Increased Interest Has Been Shown With Success as Result

more legislation controlling business, and that business men could feel themselves at liberty to get down to active work for the upbuilding of business in all directions. In many indirect ways the President advocated an increase to the railroads on freight rates in the east, and was much satisfied when the interstate commerce commission recently decided in favor of the roads.

The President's Trip.

The President had hundreds of invitations during the year to visit different parts of the United States. He accepted few of these. After the death of his wife he declined to go to banquets and dinners, the necessity for his official appearance only being recognized. Social functions for the coming winter were canceled, and the presidential family has lived most quietly. The President visited the Washington memorial services at Alexandria, Va. last. February; spoke in Arlington cemetery May 30, and later at the unveiling of the Confederate monument.

eral McReynolds was nominated and confirmed as associate justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy made by the death of Associate Justice Lurton. Mr. McReynolds was succeeded by T. W. Gregory in September. Mr. Gregory had been an assistant attorney general under Mr. McReynolds, and had been in charge of the New Haven and other trust cases for the administration.

NATIONAL GUARD.

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NAVAL BATTALION.

have been shown by the Naval Battalion of the National Guard of the District of Columbia during the year just closed. The process of cleaning out all of the "dead wood" from the organization started by Commander Joseph A. Dempf soon after he assumed co of the battalion was kept up during the year, and despite the large number of men discharged an enormous increase in the personnel was shown, the year closing with the names of 260 men or the records.

The policy of taking regular Sunday cruises and short cruises of from two to three days duration was started by Commander Dempf and maintained throughout the year. The organization used the U. S. S. Sylvia, its training ship, on every occasion possible, and this helped materially to increase the efficiency of the command by making the members thoroughly familiar with ship work.

Changes in Personnel

There were several changes in the personnel this year. There were several promotions and one officer comnissioned from the ranks. Ensign Frank W. Sigourney was promoted to be lieutenant (junior grade), and was detailed as executive officer of the battallon. The first and second divisions fust been closed by the National Guard of the District of Columbia. For growth in strength and efficiency there is no former year that has equaled the one just closed.

At one time during the year there were expectations of foreign service for the militia and there was a noticeable increase in the enlistment, but aside from this flurry there was a fixed for the militia form the flurry there was a fixed form the first and second divisions of the battalion were consolidated with the fourth division and Lieuts. (junior grade) Walter W. Burns and Buist C. Getsinger, respectively, commanding the 2d and 1st Divisions, were given honorable discharges.

Later the two divisions were reorganized. The 3d Division also was reorganized during the year and grew to be one of the largest divisions in the battalion under the direction of Lieut Sigourney, its then commanding

The naval militia act was passed in

NEWCOMERS AMONG WASHINGTON CLERGYMEN, AND THOSE HONORED BY THE TITLE OF BISHOP.



Rector of Catholic University, who w made a bishop of the Church of



Assistant minister, Church of the Covenant.



REV. HOWARD D. HANNAFORD, REV. GOVE GRIFFITH JOHNSON,



REV. PAUL D. LEDDEN, St. John's Lutheran Church.



REV. HENRY H. RANCK, Grace Reformed Church.



REV. F. A. ANDERSON,



REV. GEORGE W. ATKINSON,



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largest number of men in its history February, thus placing the naval mibeing on the rolls according to the

tion of the local National Guard in joint maneuvers between the regular army and militiamen of surrounding states having been killed by the need of American troops at Vera Cruz, Mexico, a joint encampment was held with Company E, 29th U. S. Infantry, at the Virginia Beach camp, under Sth U. S. Cavalry stationed at Fort erans; Rawlins Post, G. A. R.; Meade Meyer. The camp was one of the most Post, G. A. R.; Burnside Post, G. A. R.; orderly in the guard's history, the Harden Camp, U. S. W. V.; Kit Carson

G. D. C., went to Tobyhanna, Pa., for annual encampment with the regular artillery, where excellent recorns were made by the officers and men in field R. of the District was held in February

gunnery.
While there was no appropriation for suitable armory for the National Guard of the District, there were sev-

largest number of men in its history being on the rolls according to the War Department reports.

Aside from the number of men carried on the rolls the attendance at the snnual encampment, which this year was held at Virginia Beach, Va., twenty miles east of Norfolk and right on the Atlantic ocean was also the largest in the history of the District militia. It was the first seashore encampment which was participated in by the National Guard of the District.

Joint Encampment Held.

Elaborate plans for the participation of the local National Guard in the state of the professional fitness for war service.

PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS.

Organizations which installed officers in January were Urell Camp, U. S. W. command of Col William E. Wilder, V.; Mussey Tent, Daughters of Vetmen spent better times and there was Post, G. A. R.; Harris Camp, U. S. W. less sickness than at any camp here- V.; Garfield Post, G. A. R.; Wilson Post, tofore held by the guard.

The 1st Battery, Field Artillery, N. Post, G. A. R., and Dewey Camp, U. S.

ruary. A joint installation of officers of District of Columbia Department, G. A. R., and Woman's Relief Corps, was foreign rulers, including Emperor William of Germany.

Business Conditions.

The President devoted much time to consideration of business conditions through the country and made a number of speeches predicting the return of prosperity in gradual but permanent shape. In his last address to Congress he declared that there would be no last street of the District of Columbia at Seagirt made good records.

A. R., celebrated the forty-ninth anniversary of the surrender of Appomatory at 463 Misouri avenue for years, obtained the old Business High School building, on 1st street northwest, Just below Indiana avenue.

Good Records at Seagirt.

The teams which represented the National Auxiliary, U. S. W. V., held memorial services at Arlington in February. Military mass was held on the Monument grounds by the Spanish War Veterans in May. A. R., celebrated the forty-ninth anni-